AMENDED CLAIMS

Claims 1-23 (canceled).

24. (currently amended)   A method ~~according to claim 1 wherein~~ of navigating a business application software using a computer system having a central processing unit, a display device coupled to said central processing unit, and a transactional database comprising a main database containing records of business transactions entered on a line item basis according to and including the dimensions of Items, People, Actions and Time, said transactional database further ~~includes~~ including a plurality of secondary databases, including an Items database containing records of information about Items, a People database containing records of information about People, ~~(iv)~~ an Actions database containing records of types of available Actions, and ~~(v) a fourth~~ a Time database containing records relating to Time, ~~said four icons are displayed on a start-up screen, and further wherein information contained in~~ said method comprising:

   simultaneously displaying on a start-up screen on said display device via a graphical user interface four icons that separately identify the categories of Items, People, Actions, and Results;

   accessing information contained in said main database ~~is accessed~~ by accessing additional Items, People, Actions and Results screens via selection of said icons, with each of said Items, People and Actions screens having means for permitting input and changes of information in said database and tabs for accessing others of said additional screens; and

   displaying the accessed information via a screen display specific to the selected icon.

25. (currently amended)   A method according to claim 24 further wherein said information contained in said main database is accessed via a link with one of

said secondary databases additional databases, and said secondary databases are accessed by said Items, People, Actions and Results screens.

26. (currently amended) An information handling system according to claim 15 wherein comprising:

a computer system having a central processing unit and a display device coupled to said central processing unit;

a transactional database comprising a central database containing, on a line item basis, data in at least the following dimensions: items, people, actions and time; and

a graphical user interface coupled to said computer system comprising (a) means for causing said display device to display icons representing items, people, actions and results, and (b) software defining a schema for managing data contained in said transactional database according to specific workflows accessed by selection of one of said icons;

said transactional database further includes including a plurality of secondary databases, including an Items database containing records of information about Items, a People database containing records of information about People, (iv) an Actions database containing records of types of available Actions, and (v) a fourth a Time database containing records relating to Time, and said graphical user interface comprises means for accessing said secondary databases via selection of said icons.

27. (currently amended) An information handling system according to claim 19 wherein comprising:

a computer system having a central processing unit and a display device coupled to said central processing unit;

a transactional database comprising a central database containing, on a line item basis, data in at least the following dimensions: items, people, actions and time;

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<u>a schema involving user-defined actions and links between actions for</u>
<u>managing data contained in said database according to specific workflows; and</u>

<u>a graphical user interface coupled to said computer system comprising</u>
<u>means for causing said display device to display a screen containing icons</u>
<u>representing the dimensions of items, people, actions and results, and means</u>
<u>operative through selection of any of said icons for accessing data contained in</u>
<u>said database and managing the accessed data according to said user defined</u>
<u>actions and said links between actions;</u>

said transactional database ~~further includes~~ also including a plurality of
secondary databases, including an Items database containing records of
information about Items, a People database containing records of information
about People, ~~(iv)~~ an Actions database containing records of types of available
Actions, and ~~(v) a fourth~~ a Time database containing records relating to Time,
and said graphical user interface ~~comprises~~ comprising means for accessing said
secondary databases through selection of said icons.